(c) whether the Paris based World Heritage Committee had marked Hampi as a heritage site 'in danger'; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) UNESCO has taken notice of the construction of a vehicular bridge near Anegondi and a foot bridge near Virupaksha Temple across the river Tungabhadra within the World Heritage protected area and their impact on the authenticity and integrity of the site.

(b) World Heritage Committee invites all state parties to inform the committee through UNESCO Secretariat, their intention to take up major restorations or new constructions. Requisite information on new projects taken up at Hampi have been brought to the notice of UNESCO.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Corrective measures suggested by UNESCO mission are being implemented by Government of Karnataka.

Facilities at pilgrim centres in Karnataka

2988. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop infrastructural facilities at important tourists and pilgrim centres in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India has introduced schemes of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/ Infrastructure and destination Development and assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects during the 10th Plan to improve tourist infrastructure in the country. Improvement of tourist infrastructure at pilgrim centres is also eligible for assistance under these scheme.

During the 10th Plan the following projects under the above schemes have been sanctioned in the state of Karnataka so far :

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Development of Tagore Beach	197.49
2	Development of Hampi as a destination	500.00
3	Rural Tourism Project at Kokkare Bellure	50.00
4	Beugle Rock Garden	40.00
5	Bangalore Art Festival	15.00
6	Development of Om Beach	100.00

Department of Culture, Government of India has also sanctioned an amount of Rs. 206.49 lakhs for Jain Pilgrim Centres.

(c) Does not arise.

Harassment to domestic tourists at Taj

2989. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the security staff of Taj Mahal are asking proof of citizenship from the domestic tourists who are visiting Taj Mahal; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per directions of the Home Secretary, Government of India, Central Industrial Security Force deployed at Taj Mahal is confined to security aspects of the monument; the checking of tickets rests with the Archaeological Survey of India staff who rely on voluntary disclosure of citizenship.